

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 19th January 2016**  
**AT 7.30P.M.**  
**IN SOPLEY PARISH HALL, PRIEST'S LANE, SOPLEY.**

**The Clerk confirmed that the meeting was Quorate and there were no declarations of interest in respect of the items contained in the Agenda.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Pope, Cllr Lane, Cllr Dunn. Parishioners – 6  
In attendance: Chairman Shutler, Cllr Rawstron, Cllr Liberty-Spark, Cllr Smedley, Cllr Hill, Cllr Rippon-Swaine and Clerk Katie Hughes.

**Review of the Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) held on 1st December 2016.**

No matters arising: **Proposed by Cllr Hill and Cllr Smedley.**

**Parishioner Participation:**

Cynthia Hiscock raised the issues of the rose bed and path borders. The Clerk asked her to ask Mr Norman Hiscock to have a look and quote for putting it back to its former glory. The Probations will also be asked to prune the roses when they return.

Cynthia Hiscock also asked the Clerk to write Mr Driver and thank him for looking after the cemetery flowers. (KH) The Clerk was also asked to write to Mr Wright for cutting the grass on the green at North Ripley (KH).

Cynthia Hiscock raised the Newsletter and could it be published earlier so the Litter Pick etc is included. The Clerk explained that the earlier publication is due to people submitting their reports/editorial and would be chasing. (KH). Also Mr Gerald Lewis to be approached to write regarding Mr Tim Gibson and Cllr. Shutler will chase this.

Cynthia also raised the bridge at Primrose Wood (footpath 17) that the upright post is missing. Cllr Shutler is to have a look and make safe. Also could Cllr. Shutler have a look at the kissing gate on Avon Field the wood has been knocked out from the bottom. The Clerk was asked to report that the pinch point on Derritt Lane was bad planning. (KH). She was also asked to contact Highways again regarding the arrow on the road, the missing bollard and the white line on road to be changed into a pavement.

The Speedwatch scheme was mentioned and the Clerk informed the Council that she now had application forms for people to enrol. Only Cllr. Liberty Spark took a form. She was also asked to approach them regarding rubber speed humps to be installed on Ringwood Road out of the village. (KH).

**CURRENT ISSUES & FORWARD PLANNING (Cllr Shutler):**

None that have not already been discussed.

**PARISH CLERK'S REPORT: Financial Matters**

Supplier	Invoice	Amount	Date received	Date paid
TLC Online	717072016	40.00	07/11/2016	
TLC Online	754192017	40.00	19/01/2017	
Clerk	Jan-17	612.00	19/01/2017	
To pay out		<b>692.00</b>		

To pay in		<b>145.00</b>		
Current Account		16,927.54		
Deposit account		20,710.76		
Allotments account		5,504.34		
Parish Hall Account		29,622.27		
	Total:	72,909.91		

**Proposed by Cllr Rawstron and Cllr Liberty Spark .**

**Correspondence received**

Request for Donation to New Forest Disability. **£50 proposed by Cllr. Rawstron and seconded by Cllr. Liberty-Spark.**

The Clerk has now been approached by a number of people regarding the Allotments and wondered if anyone had any idea regarding the administration of this. Cllr Liberty-Spark agreed to assist (TLS) It was suggested to speak with Richard Natt at the end of the development. The Clerk will keep a list of people interested in the Allotments for the time being. (KH).

Moorlands have offered to do a Village clean up on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and the Clerk was asked to get them to prune around the back of Smugglers and from St Michaels down to the Woolpack (KH).

Jocktrill was mentioned regarding that 7 sheep had been chased by a dog into the ditch, this was asked to be minuted. (KH)

The Layby's were raised opposite Moorland and that they need filling in. The Clerk was asked to approach Highways (KH).

**Planning and Development Control matter, current consultations, recent planning decisions and enforcement issues:**

16/11655	Merrythought Ringwood Road, Sopley	Rear extension to garage	Expired	Awaiting decision
16/11735	School House Mill Lane, Sopley	Full planning, 3 holiday lets	Still Active	Awaiting Site visit requested by Cllr Pope.

Comments to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

**BURIAL BOARD REPORT (Katie Hughes):**

Interment of William Robert Batten on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 10.15.

The Clerk was asked to contact The Tree Management Company regarding an Annual maintenance scheme for all the trees in the Parish including the cemetery.

## **PARISH HALL COMMITTEE REPORT: (Cllr Rawstron):**

It was reported that the Parish Hall has a healthy £15,000 balance. The Clerk as Treasurer for the Hall Committee is getting quotes for further refurbishment with local builders. 25<sup>th</sup> February Bingo Night, Annual Quiz 3<sup>rd</sup> March, St Patricks Night 17<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Emmel thanked the Woolpack for their ongoing help with catering.

## **PARISH FOOTPATHS & RIGHTS OF WAY ISSUES (Cllr Shutler):**

Cllr Shutler reported that the Footpath Gate is coming and Mr Gerald Lewis is dealing with this.

## **HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ISSUES (Cllr. Rawstron/Shutler):**

All been discussed previously.

## **District Councillors (Emma Lane):**

Nothing received.

## **County Councillors (Cllr Rippon Swaine):**

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

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### **Section 1.02 HCC & FLY-TIPPING**

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Meeting closed at 20.30 pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30pm.**

# **SOPLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**



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#### **HCC COUNCILLOR MEETINGS – December 2016 .**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – HCC New Forest Access Forum meeting at Hythe.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Community First New Forest Trustees Board meeting at Greyfriars.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Political Surgery at Stillwater Park, Poulner, Ringwood.

**W Steve Rippon-Swaine FRICS DipGS**  
**Hampshire County Councillor for Ringwood & Sopley Division**